

**BANKERS URGE COUNCIL
TO GRANT HIGHER FARE**

Thirteen Financial Institutions Take Up Fight for Virginia Railways and Power Co.

STOCKHOLDERS AT HEARING

Thirty Women Among Those Asking Before Committee Asking Public Utility Be Given Relief Pending Valuation Proceedings.

Twelve Richmond banks presented a petition to the Streets Committee of the City Council last night at a special meeting, requesting that the Virginia Railway and Power Company be allowed to increase its freight fare, and an additional 2 cents for transfers until a valuation of the transfers until a valuation of the property of the company be made. W. M. Moore, vice-president of the First National Bank of Richmond, presented the petition.

Approximately 100 stockholders of the Virginia Railway and Power Company were present at the meeting at which the committee meeting was held. There were thirty women among them. John T. Wilson, president of the Virginia State Bank, chairman of the committee of stockholders; Attorney H. M. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Charles G. Boshier and Mr. L. C. Cabel made addresses to the committee, while the stockholders told the action they took to regard to the increase as stockholders of the company.

Thirteen Banks Sign.

Banks signing the petition were First National Bank, Richmond; Richmond Bank of Commerce; American National Bank, Virginia Trust Company, Merchants' National Bank; Richmond Trust Company, and several smaller banks.

Bank of Richmond; Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, National Bank and City Bank; Old Dominion Trust Company; Church Street Bank; and the West End Bank.

Stockholders present included either the president, vice-president or cashier of each bank.

In full the petition reads:

"To the City Council of the City of Virginia Railway and Power Company dated November 24, in which the company agreed to your suggestion with reference to the reduction of properties and outlined the steps you will take for prompt action in the matter of temporarily increasing car fares by gathering a straight 6-cent car fare, and asking for transfers the under-sum beg to inform you give it your full, prompt and favorable consideration in the interest of this service, which is so necessary to the public."

Quote Wage Problem.

"We understand that the increased revenue derived from the fare increase asked for is necessary to meet the needs of the employees, but to the Richmond employees of the company on the same basis as the employees in Norfolk, where a 6-cent fare and a 2-cent transfer is already in effect."

Declaring himself a small stockholder in the Virginia Railway and Power Company, John T. Wilson, told the committee that the stockholders here had been treated with less consideration than any other investors in Richmond.

He admitted that the service was not the best and that it was worse than that offered two years ago, but stated that he was doing his best to give the company something to work with. With the present rate of fare in effect, he declared, there was not even a possibility of recovering any considerable sum of money.

"We are willing to stand the test," declared Mr. Wilson, in speaking of the proposed reduction of the company's property, "but you will break the company while you are doing it unless you give us some relief while you're making the valuation."

Owned by Richmonders.

H. M. Smith, Jr., was next to speak. He agreed with the article of paper which he stated he carried to ease the committee wished to ask any questions or challenge his statements.

In his address he pointed out that his stock owned by his friends and his sister Helen could, the majority of them, be sold if the company was owned by Richmonders.

Mrs. Charles G. Boshier declared that everything else had gone up and that she and her son had the public good ride at the old rate of 6 cents, and the standbys of the working women, and although she plainly stated that she wanted to do something for her stock, she declared that the fare increase would make great improvements in the service of the company. She stated the need for the working women would be helping to bring about the granting of the petition if they knew the position of the company.

Taking an active interest in the affairs of the company, Mr. Cabel, from his fellow stockholders, H. L. Cabel, disclaimed wanting dividends on his stock. He said, in fact, that the Council grant the company at least a bare living.

After hearing those who wished to speak the committee adjourned and held a private session during which Director of Public Utilities Trafford and Director of Public Works Bolling and

**BANKS HERE 100 PER CENT
IN PAYMENT OF POLL TAXES**Special Committee Urging Men
Quality for Elections.Piggy-Wiggly Concern Declares
Indictment to Violation of
Bill of Rights.

Banks yesterday afternoon reported the 100 per cent payment of poll taxes by the officers and employees. An effort is being made by the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking to induce every man employed in the Richmond banking houses to pay his poll tax at once and qualify to vote.

Those banks which reported 100 per cent were the First National, First National Merchants, National, Mutual and Commercial, Broad Street, National Savings and Loan, First Bank of Richmond, Richmond Trust Company, Savings Bank of Richmond, American National, Union Hill, West End, Central National, and Bank of Commerce and Trust.

The Old Dominion Trust Company reported 22 per cent of its officers and employees paid their poll taxes. Virginia Trust Company, located at 93 Main Street, and the Federal Reserve 82 per cent.

It is hoped by those in charge of the movement that every bank in Richmond will be induced to report 100 per cent before the end of the week.

**WAR HISTORY BOOKLETS
ARE AGAIN PUT UPON SALE**Women's Auxiliary of American Legion
Pushing Movement for Memorial to Soldiers.

An organization is made by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion that the Virginia war history booklets which were on sale during Armistice Day in Richmond will again be displayed in all local book stores and news stands.

The amount of \$1,750 has already been realized from the sale of these booklets, which fund will be devoted to the erection of a memorial for Richmond soldiers returning from the war.

It is stated that this is the first organized movement to call attention to the need of a memorial to Richmond men who served in the war, and that it is peculiarly fitting that the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion to carry on this work of raising funds for the purpose.

Plan New Building.

Members of the Richmond Colored Methodist Church are planning to raise \$10,000 which will go on property purchased by the church at 9 West Jackson, where they will erect a new building for worship.

Speaks at Reformers' Hall.

Speaking on the subject, The Cultural Contribution to American Colonies, Charles Young, military attaché to Liberia, will make an address tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

**Today and Tonight
in Richmond**

Interchurch World Movement conference at Broad Street Church, at 9:30.

Meeting of Richmond Exchange for Women's Work at Third and Franklin Streets, at 12.

Richmond Advertisers' Club at Business Men's Club, at 1.

Benefit for Actors' Fund at Strand, at 2:30.

Musicians' Club at Stieff's Hall, at 8.

Richmond Chapter of Statue of Brotherhood Association in Senate Chamber at Capitol, at 8.

White Rose Minstrels in "Jollies of 1920" at Bluford Junior High School, Floyd and Allen Avenues, at 8:30.

Strand—Our Naughty Bride," at 8:30.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

This morning at 10 o'clock the United States District Court, with Judge Frank J. Murphy, presiding, opened the trial of the suit of James K. Keating, the Director-general of Railroads will be heard in the case of the railroad companies in the matter of the proposed rate increase.

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Colonel F. Nash Billings, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Richmond, called a conference of all the officers of the railroads in the city.

Entertainment for parents and former students of Mechanics' Institute in the auditorium, Eleventh and Broad Streets, at 8.

Richmond Sports' Association at Murphy's Hotel, at 8.

Pageant by Episcopalians at mass-meeting in City Auditorium, at 8:30.

Lyric—Vanderbilt, 3:30, 7:45 and 9:30.

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**POINTS TO NEED OF WORK
AMONG HEATHEN PEOPLES**

Conference on Interchurch World Movement Here Discusses Survey of Foreign Fields.

PROBLEMS ARE INCREASING

Dr. S. A. Herman Tells Delegates Combined Action Is Needed to Meet Situation—Address Made by Dr. A. J. Haupt.

Speaking on the importance of the development and extension of missionary enterprises in foreign fields, Dr. S. A. Herman last night directed the Interchurch World Movement conference at the Broad Street Methodist Church, in which he referred to the survey in all countries for the first time taken of the entire field and its problems for presentation to the church.

Dr. Herman stated that within the next thirty years the population of the world will have increased as much as the present population of America, and that the problems will have increased in proportion, making the need for a definite program an essential part of the projects of Christianity.

"Christ's view of world problems was not of any particular portion of the world, but of the entire world, which covered the world, described the world, and we should model our efforts after the precepts of the Master as nearly as possible."

WORLD PROBLEMS

Dr. Herman said that the present conditions in each of the missionary countries, which prevail in spite of the efforts of the churches in America, are the result of the life of the church.

That there is an imminent need for an extensive program on the part of the churches of America, it was declared, because of the deplorable conditions now existing in the countries of the Far East.

Efforts on the part of all the churches connected in an interchurch world movement are necessary if the entire missionary problem of the world is met, it was said.

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STUDIED YOUTH'S PROBLEMS

Dr. Haupt was formerly identified with the Juvenile Department branch of the court of St. Louis, and he conducted a survey and research of many problems affecting the youths of that city in large communities.

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**HALF OF FUND FOR AID
OF FAMILY IS RECEIVED**Total of \$80 Urgently Needed to Care
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Sedan**Letters Urge Condemnation of Injec-
tion of Sulfuric Acid into
Educational Conference.

Members of the School Trustees' Association, which met here during the recent session of the Virginia Educational Conference, have been sending letters of approval from the members throughout the State of the resolution passed by the association condemning injection of the sulfuric acid into the educational conference.

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The demurrer is set forth that the public is not required to buy from the stores of the company or is the competitor in and ought to sell to the public by law. It is further stated that the indictment is in violation of the bill of rights, and the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is further claimed that the company has the right to sell sugar unless the purchaser agrees to the terms of purchase.

The indictment nowhere alleges any combination whatever between defendant and any other corporation, person or association, and does not show that refusal would create a trust or monopoly.

The resolution was presented by Dr. S. W. Maples, of Warrenton.

ARRANGE ENTERTAINMENTStudents of Mechanics' Institute to
Take Part in Program of 8
o'Clock Tonight.**ARRANGE CHARITY SERVICE**St. Vincent de Paul Society to Hear
Rev. Father Walter O'Brien
on Sunday Night.

The annual entertainment of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as former students will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in their auditorium, Eighth and Broad Streets. Several hundred invited, first moving pictures, followed by grand singing under Edward Shawaway, leader of the War Camp Community Service, and Rotarian clubs by one of the most popular Rotary Club.

The entertainment is for the purpose of developing the spirit of cooperation and co-operation between the various classes and former students of the institution.

Officer Is Promoted.

Lieutenant Commander Alexander S. Wadsworth, Jr., United States Navy, has just received his promotion to the rank of full commander. Commander Wadsworth is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., married Miss Rosalie Walker, daughter of the late C. W. Walker, of Richmond, and is distinguished service to his country during the war with Germany and was in the Pacific during the war, and that it is particularly fitting that the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion to carry on this work of raising funds for the purpose.

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**EPISCOPALIANS TO STAGE
SACRED PAGEANT TONIGHT**Motion of Nation-Wide Campaign to
Be Depicted in Elaborate
Production.**CHORUS HAS 200 VOICES**More Than 300 Performers Are In-
cluded in Cast—Processional Starts
at 8:15 at City Auditorium.
Missionary From China to Speak.Episcopal Sunday Schools of Rich-
mond will present in the form of a
processional the above, the nation-wide
campaign and the mission of
the church tonight at the City Auditorium.More than 300 performers will be
included in the cast, the 200 voices
of the chorus, the 100 voices of the
various choirs, the 50 voices of the
clergy, the 20 voices of the organists,

and the 10 voices of the soloists.

The pageant begins at 8:15 P.M. with
a processional of all the performers who
will advance through the length of the audi-
torium and assemble on the rostrum.The choir, in full vestments will then
begin to sing in the background of the
pageant.

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